

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated May 2, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 18 and 28 have been amended. Claims 18-41 are pending.

In the Office Action, claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 18-21, 23-29, 31-36, and 39-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,649,934 to Song et al. (Song '934) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,990,986 to Song et al. (Song '986) and U.S. Patent No. 6,577,368 to Yuh et al. (Yuh). Claims 22, 30, 37, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Song '934 in view of Song '986 and Yuh further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,529,251 to Hibino (Hibino).

Claim 28 has been amended to more clearly define the patentable subject matter. In light of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 18-27 are patentable over Song '934 in view of Song '986 and Yuh in that claims 18-27 recite a combination of elements including, for example "a common electrode on the passivation layer substantially parallel to the pixel electrode." Claims 28-41 are patentable over Song '934 in view of Song '986 and Yuh in that claims 18-27 recite a combination of elements including, for example "forming a common electrode on the passivation layer substantially parallel to the pixel electrode." Neither Song '934, Song '986, nor Yuh, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 18-41 are allowable over the cited art, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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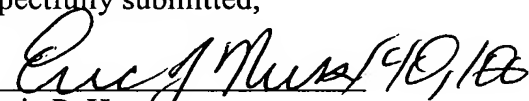
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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